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**High Performance High Thruster
Inbound Demo**

Air Force Research Laboratory

Spacecraft Propulsion Branch

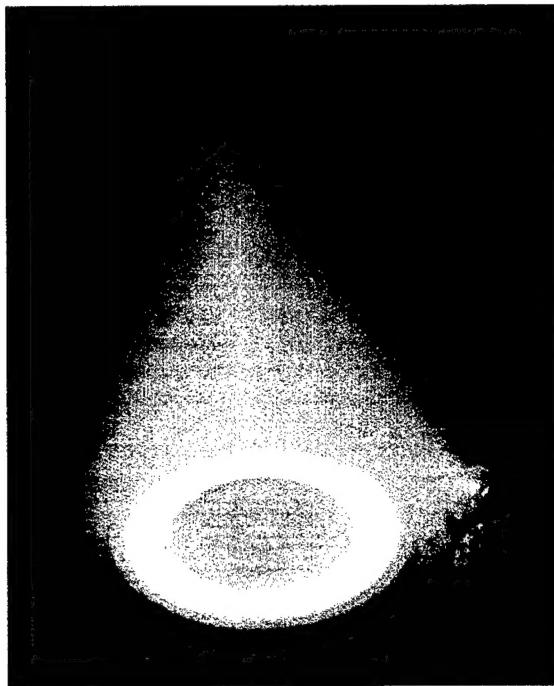
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High Voltage Output Outline

- Goal & Objectives
- Payoffs
- System Concept
- Milestones
- Hall System Development
- Summary
- Conclusions



Propulsion

Goals

OBJECTIVE: To develop and demonstrate the electric propulsion technology needed to meet the IHPPT Phase I Goal

Goal

55%

Efficiency

7200 hrs

Life

5.7 kg/kW

Specific Mass

1801* seconds

Isp

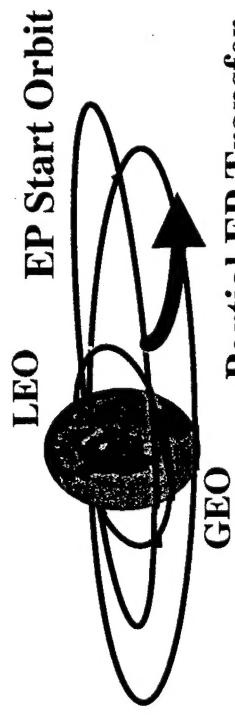
* 300 V PPU

Orbit Payoffs

Orbit Raising

Missions

- LEO Spiral Transfer (SBR, SBL)
- Apogee Insertion (GEO comm)



Spiral Transfer Payoffs (4 kW_e):
• + 11 % LEO Atlas IIAS payload
• SBR to 850 km (121 Days)

Apogee Payoffs (15 kW_e):
• + 34% GEO Atlas IIAS payload
• \$32 M Net Launch Savings (105 Days)

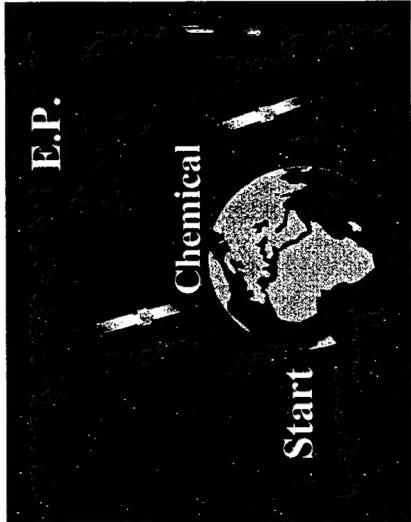
Repositioning

Supports MAP deficiencies

- Repositioning Capability
 - Recovery, repair, redeployment
 - Global Mobility

Payoffs

- 17% less fuel or more moves (EP baseline)
 - Faster move vs. chem
 - ~ 2 X faster for same propellant mass



Stationkeeping

Mission

- GEO Communications

Payoffs

- 17% less fuel / more life (EP baseline)
- 13% less power for same thrust (EP baseline)

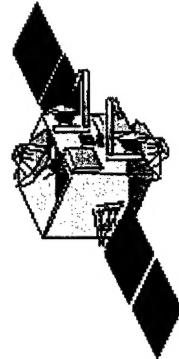
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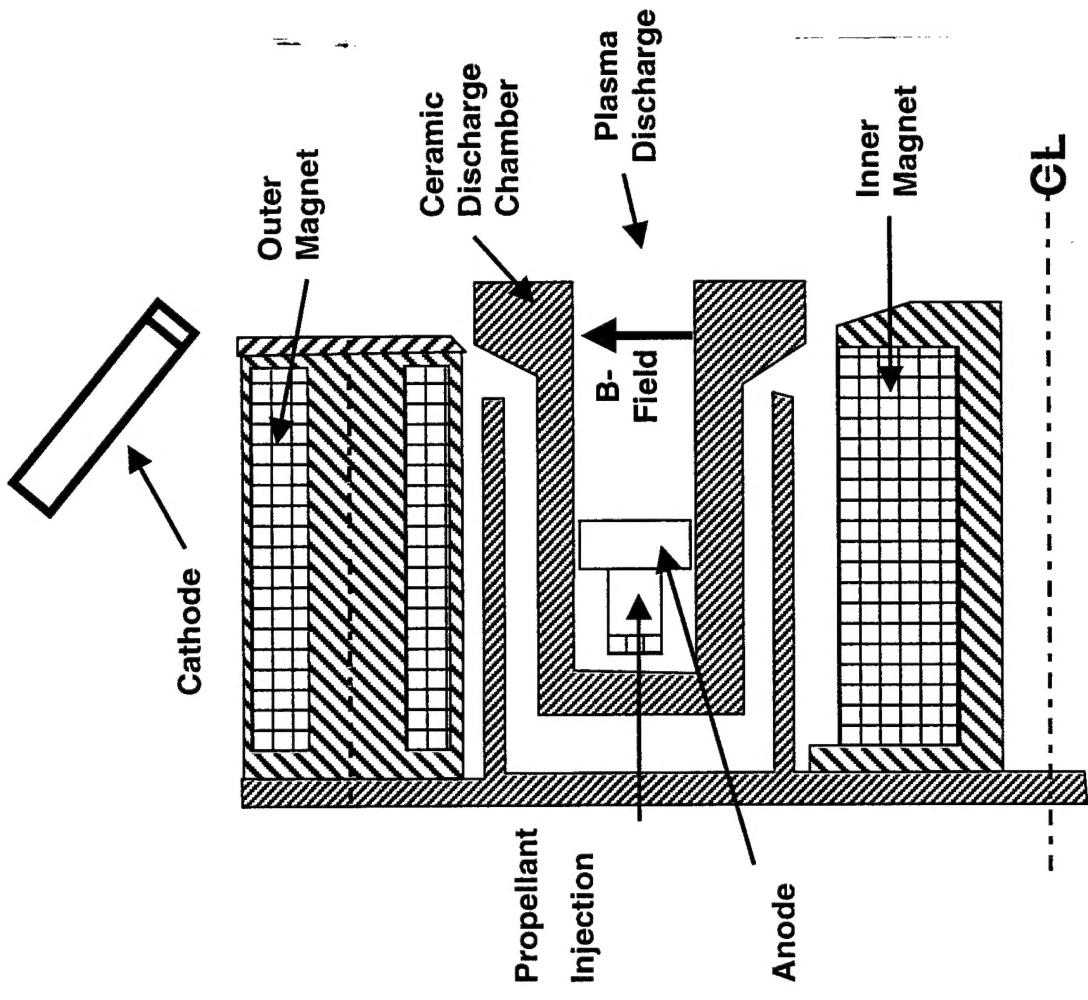
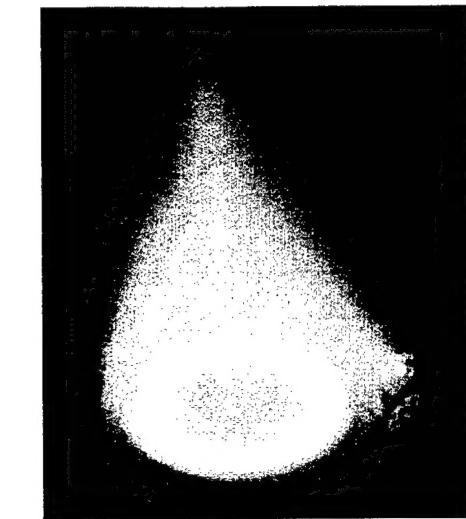
MILSATCOM Advanced EHF

- Next Milstar System
- Approved Extended Duration Orbit Transfer
- Hall System Supports NSSK and Orbit Raising
- FY01 Tech Freeze
- FY06 Anticipated Launch



Thrust by Ionizing Propellant

Thruster Operation Background

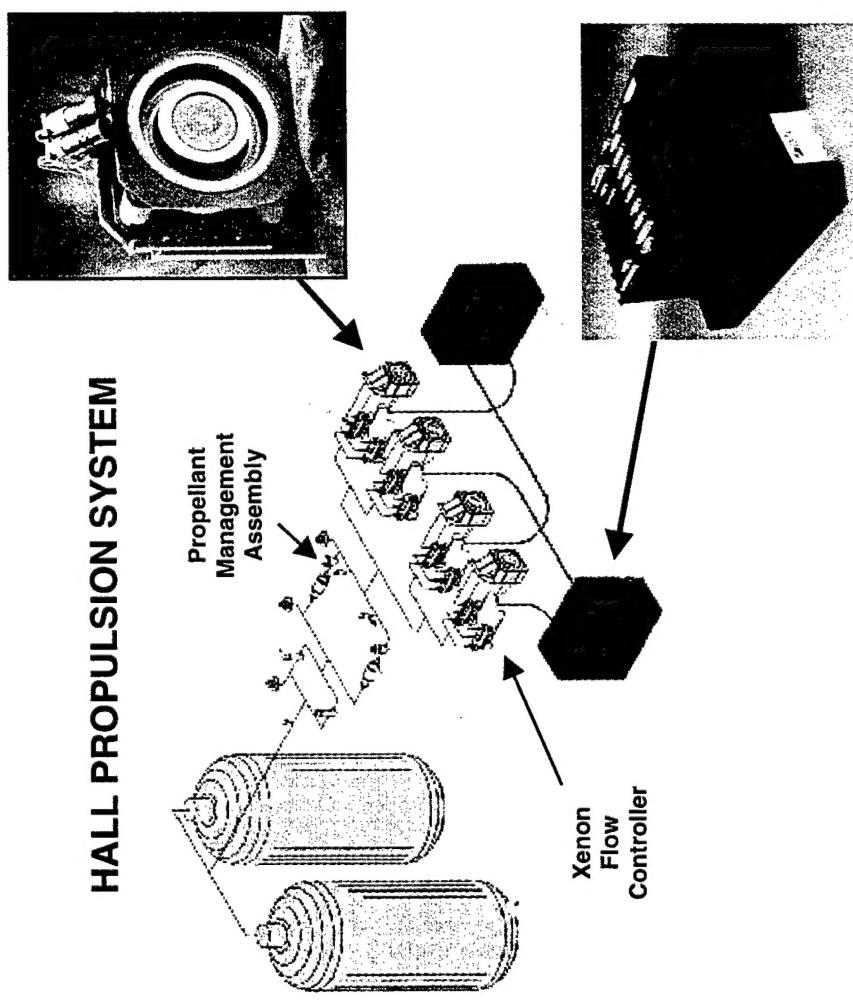


1. Electrons emitted from the cathode travel toward the anode.
2. Electrons are impeded in the discharge channel by a strong radial magnetic field, causing a strong axial electric field to concentrate in this region.
4. This electric field heats the electrons, which subsequently ionize gaseous propellant (xenon) emitted near the anode.
6. The ionized gas accelerates axially through the electric field in the discharge channel, exiting the device at high speed, thus producing thrust.

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The Hall Oxygen Concept Concept

HALL PROPULSION SYSTEM

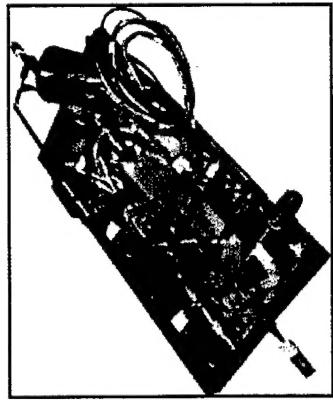


Current results: I_{sp} = 1801, Effic = 58%

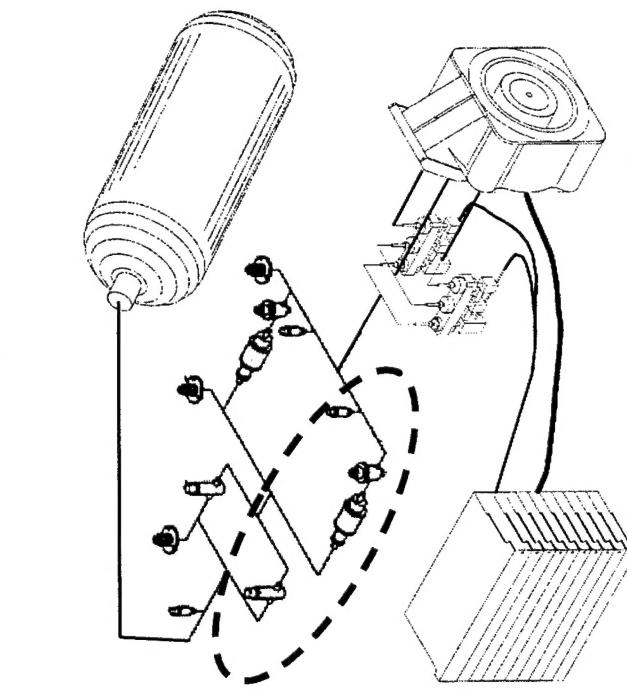
Current breadboard results: Effic > 94.4%

High Strength Integrity Quick

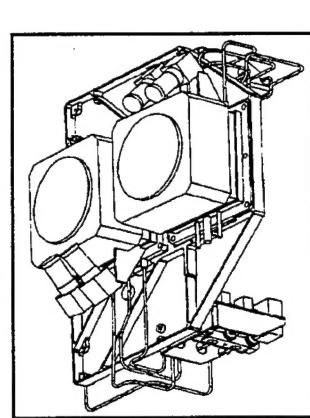
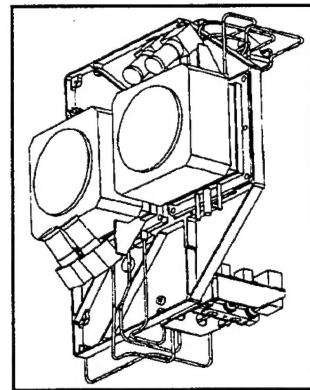
Moog flight qualified PMA



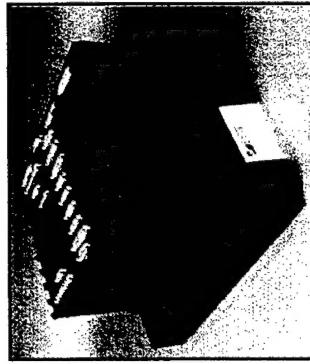
System demonstration hardware



SS/Loral integration hardware



SS/Loral flight-like PPU
- non space rated parts



**System qualification level
equivalent to SPT-100
flight qualification**

EDB/Fakel flight-like thruster
- qualification testing

SEQUA

ARC

**Mississippi Space Program
Milestones**

Accomplishment

Date

01/99	Phase I Thruster Development
01/99	PPU Breadboard Development
03/99	Thruster CDR
09/99	Thruster Performance, EMI, Contamination, Plume Testing in USA
10/99	PPU CDR
01/00	Thruster Thermal Integrated Test
01/00	PPU Thermal Integrated Test
02/00	System Integrated Functional Test
02/00	7200-Hour Life Test Begins at AFRL EP Lab
12/00	Project Complete
??/01	MILSATCOM Advanced EHF Tech Freeze
??/06	MILSATCOM Launch

Project is Cost Shared

44% Paid by Contractor:

**Atlantic Research
Corporation**

- Completed
- Not Yet Completed

SPT-140 Demonstration Model
Manufactured by

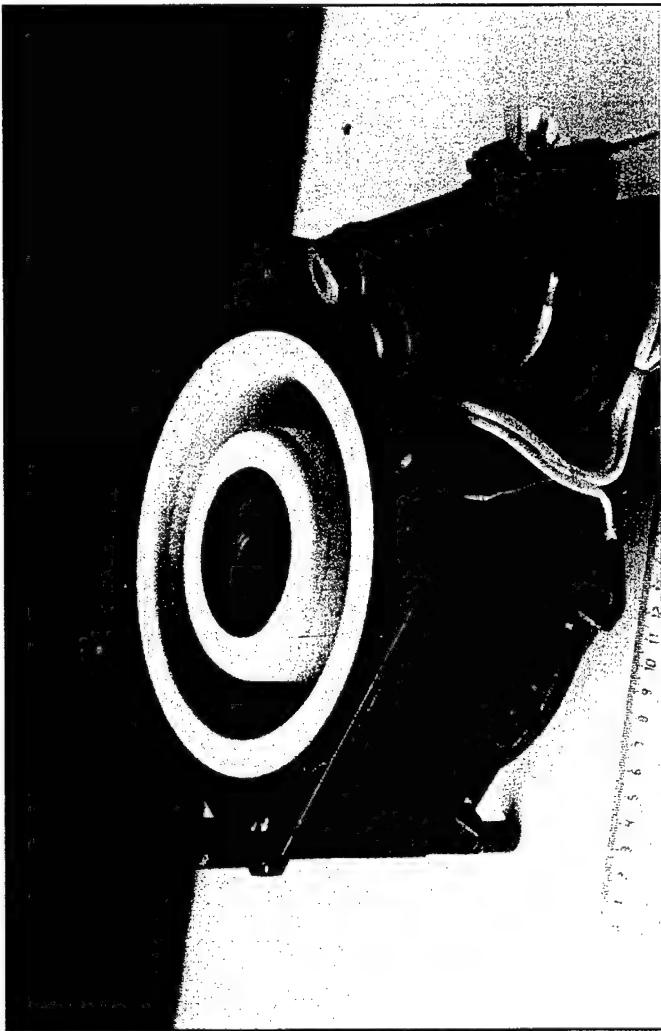
Power: 4.5 kW

Thrust: 296 mN

Efficiency: 58%

Tests Completed:

- Vibration
- Shock
- Thermal Cycling
- EMC
- Performance
- Contamination
- >1100 hr firing



SPT-140 Demonstration Model (DM)

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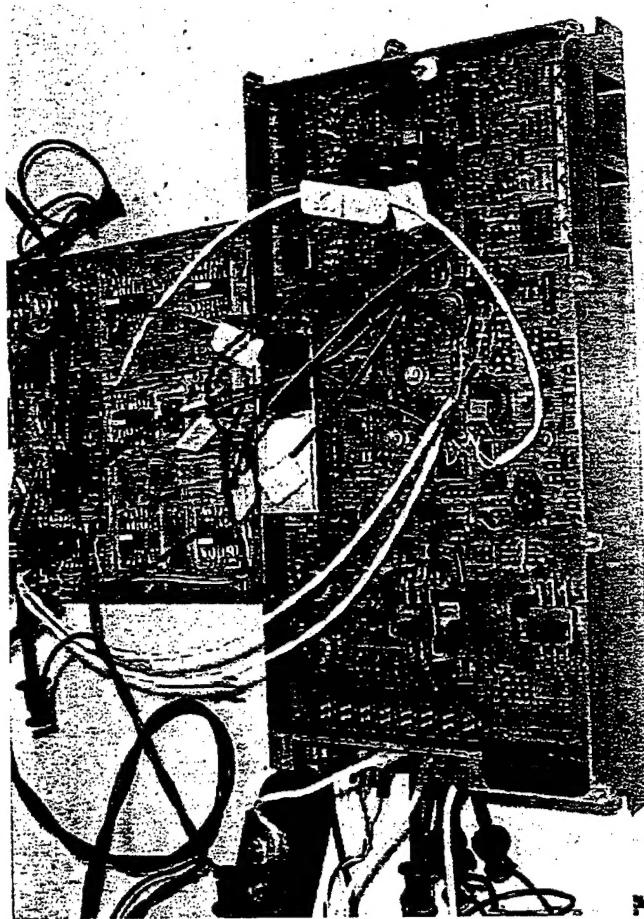
PPU-140 Anode Breadboard

Power: 4.5 kW

PPU Mission Average
Efficiency: 94.4%

Status:

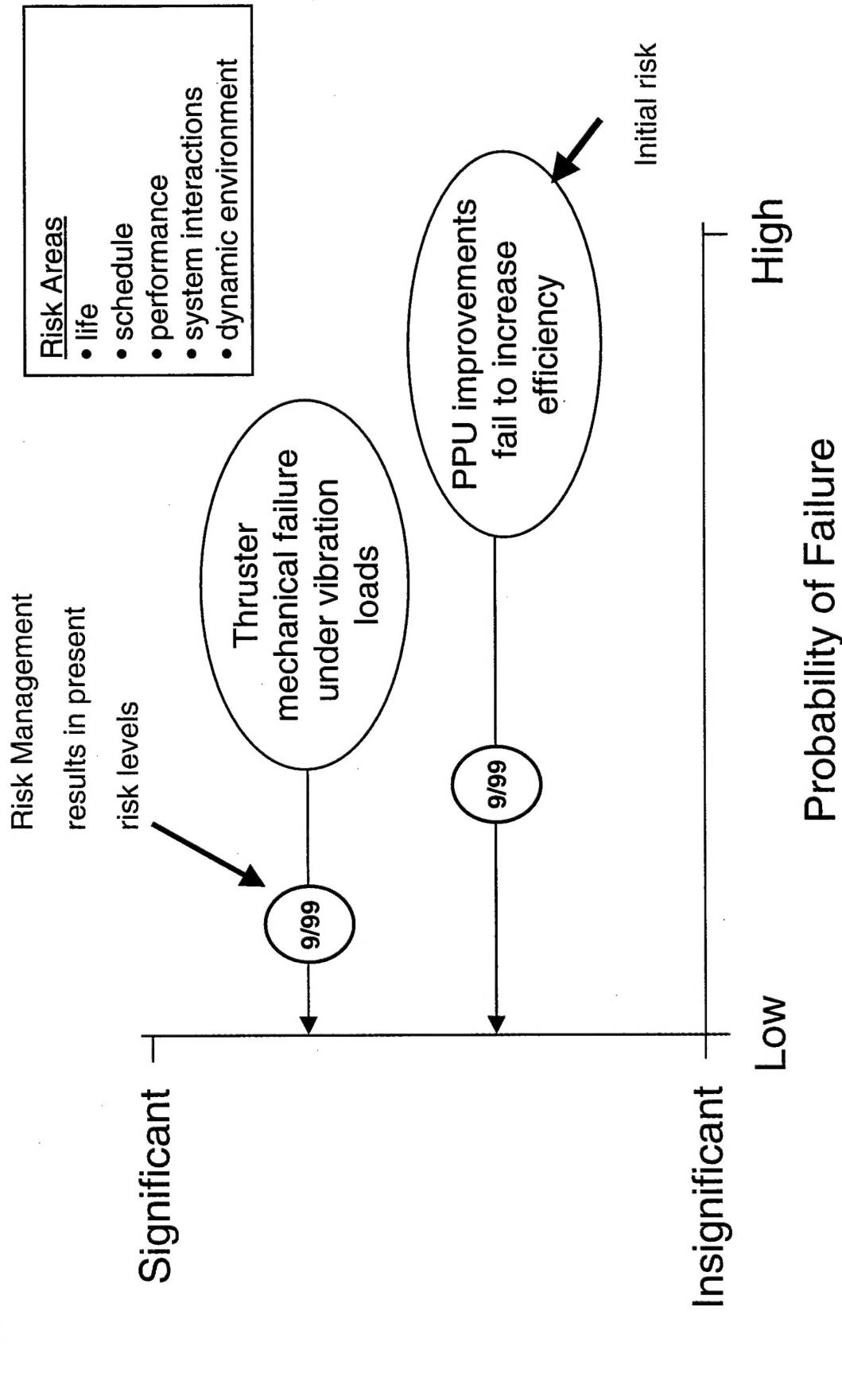
- Breadboard Testing Completed
- Brassboard Anode Module Design Completed, Fabricated



PPU-140 Breadboard Anode Module

Risk Management

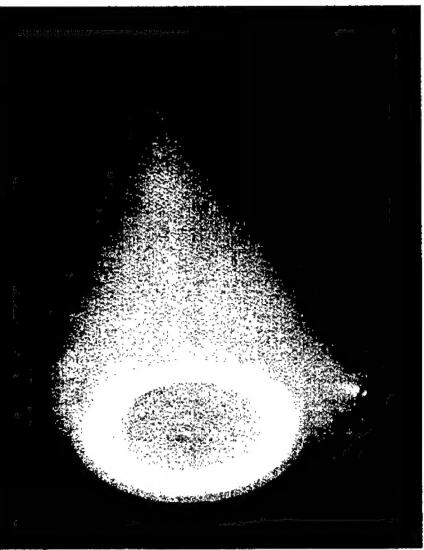
Probabilistic Engineering



**Proposed System
Sustainability**

- Supports critical DoD missions
 - MILSATCOM Advanced EHF Opportunity
 - Orbit Raising, Repositioning, Stationkeeping
 - MAP Deficiencies
- Exceeds IHPRT Phase I ES goal
- Demonstrates Flight Propulsion System

Military Satellites Constellation



Future Military Constellation Opportunities

MILSATCOM Advanced EHF

GMTI & AMTI SBR to use 10-80 satellites

Efficient Orbit Raising ~ 100 days

+ 11% payload to LEO

+ 34% payload to GEO



Improved Stationkeeping

**17% less propellant
than EP Baseline**

Supports Mission Area Plan (MAP) deficiencies

- Repositioning
- Recovery, Repair, Redeployment
- Global Mobility